to the Government of Uttar Pradesh to accord top priority to implement the aforesaid direction of Supreme Court. Further, the Supreme Court has also directed the disciplinary authority to report to the Supreme Court about the action taken in the matter.

Supply of ammunition to Paramilitary Forces

1592. SHRI C.R THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Paramilitary Forces are running short of ammunition while fighting with terrorists as reported in The Pioneer" dated 7th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for regular supply of ammunition to the forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gang rape of girl students in Delhi

t1593. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the incidents of gang rape of the girl students of University of Delhi and Maulana Azad Medical College;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any stringent action to prevent the incidents of rape against the girl students of Universities and Colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

tOriainal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) A student of Delhi University alleged that on 31st July, 2002 she was forced into a car by 4-5 boys and raped. A case was registered in this connection and investigation taken up. Another case was registered by Delhi Police in connection with the rape of a student of Maulana Azad Medical College on 15th November, 2002 and the accused persons involved in the crime were arrested.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police have stationed Police Control Room vehicles near women institutions and places frequented by them; deployed women police personnel in such vans and increased the frequency of patrolling. In addition, a Women Police Mobile Team has been set up to attend distress calls from women.

Children staying in jail with their mothers

1594. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many children are staying in jail with their mothers in the country, State-wise, for the last three years;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has issued notice to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Woman and Child Welfare regarding this matter;

(c) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(d) how does Government propose to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As per the affidavits filed by the States/Union Territories pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order dated 20.3.2001 in IA No. 1 and 7 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 559 of 1994 titled R.D. Upadhayaya versus State of Andhra Pradesh and Others, there are 1,392 children with their mothers in various jails in the country. State-wise break up is enclosed in Statement (*See* below). Figures for the last three years are not available.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Home Affairs has received a copy of the Supreme Court order dated 29.8.2002 which reads as follows:

> "Having heard Mr. Ranjit Kumar for some time on the question as to what direction can be given for the children of women undertrial